The Government of Tamil Nadu has also brought out a Legislation called Tamil Nadu Acquaculture (Regulation) Act, 1995 with effect from 3-5-95, which inter-alia provides for ecologically sustainable acquaculture practices. The Supreme Court has presently prohibited conversion of agricultural land for acquaculture of prawns.

Railway Network and Infrastructure Development in U.P.

3248. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in Uttar Pradesh where there is potential for developing railway network;

(b) the plans and schemes in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken to intensify railway network and to augment railway infrastructure development in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Based on representations from MPs and State Govts. regarding the lines required for the development of rail network in Uttar Pradesh, the following surveys for new lines have been taken up:—

1. Panipat to Meerut (100 Kms.) (Partly in U.P.)
2. Rishikesh — Dehradun (30 Kms.).
3. Haridwar — Ramnagar via Kotdwara (125 Kms.).
4. Dehradun to Saharanpur (70 Kms.).
5. Kiccha — Sitarganj—Nanak Mata-Khatema (55 Kms.)
6. Tanakpur-Purnagiri (15 Kms.).
7. Muzaffarnagar to haridwar via Roorkee (95 Kms.)
8. Rishikesh to Karanparyag (185 Kms.)
9. Chandigarh—Dehradun via Pointa Saheb (220 Kms.) (Partly in U.P.)

Further consideration of the above projects would be possible once the survey reports become available.

(c) The following works are in progress in Uttar Pradesh which will augment the railway infrastructure on their completion;

NEW LINES

1. Bagha-Chhitauni rail link restoration project (Partly in U.P.).
2. Katra-Faizabad.
3. Guna-Etawah (Partly in U.P.)

GAUGE CONVERSION

1. Kashipur-Lalkuan
2. Mathura-Achnera.
3. Khadda-Gorakhpur.
4. Mau-Shahganj.

DOUBLINGS

1. Muradnagar-Meerut City.
2. Ghaziabad-Moradabad patch doubling.
3. Tundla-Yamuna Bridge.
4. Kanpur-Panki 3rd line.
5. Gonda-Jarwal Road.

Regulation of Schools outside India

3249. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many schools have been given permission by the Central Board of Secondary Education, to operate schools outside India, Country-wise;

(b) what are the conditions an applicant has to satisfy to obtain permission to set up a school outside India;

(c) whether Government are aware that the CBSE Schools have become money making institutions of a few individuals and poor NRIs have to spend all their earnings on paying huge school fees, for their children, and

(d) whether Government are considering regulating the fees of these Schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPTT. OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) As per information received from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), 69 schools located abroad are affiliated to it. A country-wise list showing number of schools affiliated to the CBSE outside India is annexed (*see* below).

(b) A school in a foreign country seeking affiliation to the CBSE is required to submit its application through the Office of the High Commission/ Indian Embassy/Consulate General etc. located in that country and it has to fulfil various conditions prescribed in the Affiliation Bye-laws of the Board.

(c) and (d) The Affiliation Bye-laws of the Board stipulate that no schools shall run on profit making basis and it will entirely be devoted to non-commercial pursuit of education by the Society/Trust responsible for its establishment and functioning. The Bye-laws further provide that the fees charged should be commensurate with the facilities provided by the institution. The regulation of fee structure of private schools affiliated to the CBSE does not come under the purview of the Central Government.

Statement

Country-wise list showing number of schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) outside India

S. No.	Name of the country	Number of schools affiliated to the CBSE
1.	Bangladesh	1
2.	Bahrain	3
3.	Burma	1
4.	Ethiopia	2
5.	Iran	1
6.	Saudi Arabia	3
7.	Kuwait	9
8.	Libya	3
9.	Sultanate of Oman	8
10.	Nepal	2
11.	Gulf	2
12.	Tanzania	1
13.	UAE	28
14.	Nigeria	1
15.	West Africa	1
16.	Yemen	1
17.	Afghanistan	1
18.	Russia	1
	TOTAL:	69

बिहार में सुपौल-निर्मली रेलवे लाइन को पुनः जोड़ा जाना

3250. **श्री रामदेव भंडारी:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे में निर्मली स्टेशन तथा सुपौल स्टेशन के बीच की दूरी सड़क मार्ग से 20 किलोमीटर है;

(ख) क्या इन दो स्थानों के बीच यात्रा में 12 से अधिक घंटे लगते हैं;

(ग) क्या निर्मली और भपटियारी के मध्य पहले रेल मार्ग हुआ करता था जिसे अब कोसी नदी के कारण बंद कर दिया गया है;

(घ) क्या सरकार सुपौल-सहरसा और निर्मली को सबसे छोटे रेल मार्ग से जोड़ने पर विचार कर रही है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) से (ग) जी हां।

(घ) और (ङ) प्रस्तावित लाइन को बहाल करने के लिए एक सर्वेक्षण शुरू किया गया है;